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NINE CAUSES OF THE UNREST

The first summary report of the Industrial Relations Commission, based on an exhaustive investigation, was published several weeks ago. The commission, which was established by Congress to ascertain the cause of the present social unrest and to propose a social reform programme to remedy those problems, has completed its first year's work.

Nine cardinal causes of the unrest most generally agreed upon by employers and employees alike were presented to Congress. Of these nine the charge of misunderstanding and prejudice, which is agreed to by employers and employees, is of special interest and notice. Catholics more than others can appreciate this assertion. The relationship between employer and employee is one of misunderstanding and not one of class difference. Bigotry is at present a special brand of this prejudice and misunderstanding and has caused much unrest, and is steadily becoming more serious and alarming.

The second cause, that the unrest is largely a world-wide desire for better living conditions, and that this charge is especially advanced by representatives of labor, Socialists and employers, and generally endorsed by other interested parties, likewise should hold the attention of Catholics. Unquestionably the desire for the betterment of one's living conditions has been a potent cause for unrest, but not necessarily for discontent and disturbance, ever since man recognized the family as the unit of society.

The cause agreed to by both employers and employees—that the rapidly-growing feeling that redress for injuries and oppression can not be secured through existing institutions—merely verifies the need of social reform.

It is observed by the commission that underlying all industrial unrest and discontent there are fundamental causes, that statesmen, economists, sociologists, employers and workers have been concerned with certain of these causes ever since industrial organization brought us employing and wage-earning classes; that the experiences of these men and women and their theories, as well as the facts, must be studied in order to gain an adequate conception of the causes and effects of such fundamental phenomena of modern economic life as the changing distribution of wealth, the world-wide rise in prices and the cost of living, the movement of population from rural to urban centers, the ever-increasing invention of the labor-saving machinery, the discovery of new industrial processes, the almost rhythmic recurrence of prosperity and depression, the development of great industrial and financial corporations and the increasing influence of the working class.

These conditions have brought about a series of problems, some serious, some not, but all clamoring for an answer and a solution. Catholic social action, or Catholic social service, is unquestionably the need of the day. Indifference and even apathy among Catholics is too conspicuously prominent.

BISHOP'S JUBILEE.

Tomorrow will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the arrival in Duluth of Right Rev. Bishop McGolrick. On that day he will have completed twenty-five years of service as Bishop of the diocese of Duluth. The celebration will be held in his honor in commemoration of this event. Since December 27 is on Sunday, the celebration will be held on the two days following, Monday and Tuesday. The services of Bishop McGolrick began with the organization of the diocese and it is expected that many of the best known men in church circles will be present to do him honor on the occasion of the celebration. The distinguished churchmen will include Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, and many of the Bishops of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota.

WILL NOT PASS.

Debate on the immigration bill pending in the Senate at Washington continued all the week, with early indication that action on the measure would be deferred until after the holidays. This was made practically certain as a result of the announced intention of Senator Lewis, of Illinois, to introduce an amendment to eliminate from the bill the proposed literacy test for aliens. He had served notice on the Senate to that effect following a conference with President Wilson, who is opposed to the literacy test on the ground that it is not a fair test for one seeking

admission to American shores. The President's opposition in the opinion of several Democratic Senators leaves the fate of the bill hanging in the balance. Sponsors of the measure assert that to strike out the literacy test provision would cause the defeat of the bill, because no substitute method of restriction has been agreed upon.

SOME WAR ORDERS.

Although the United States is supposed to be neutral in the present European war, the present figures showing the amount of ammunition and war supplies sold by this country are staggering, to say the least. They are compiled by George Viereck, editor of the Fatherland. England is getting from the Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge Company 200,000 rifles of regulation .303 caliber, with 200,000,000 cartridges. The Union Metallic Cartridge Company will also send to England its total output of artillery cartridge cases. The Winchester Arms Company is selling the same buyer 200,000 rifles, 200,000,000 cartridges, 500,000 rifles of 22-caliber, the latter to be used for drilling purposes. The Colt Works are furnishing 1,500 machine guns, 50,000 revolvers, and the Auto- car Company is furnishing the British with 200 armored motor cars with machine guns. The DuPont Powder Company is sending 4,000,000 pounds of powder. France is receiving from the Bethlehem Steel Company 900 six-inch howitzers; from the DuPont Company 7,000,000 pounds of powder. The same power is also ordering 100,000 Remington rifles and 13,000,000 cartridges. Russia has ordered fifty 9.2 inch guns and artillery ammunition from the Crucible Steel Company amounting to \$12,000,000, while from the Winchester Company she has ordered 100,000 carbines and 100,000,000 cartridges. The same buyer has ordered 2,000 tons of powder from the DuPont Company and ten car loads of aeroplanes from the Wright Company, the latter already having been shipped.

MOURN HER DEATH.

A telegram received last week from Moro, N. M., announces the death of Sister Sylvester, a daughter of Robert A. Bowling, of Nelson county, who was a member of the order of the Sisters of Loretto. Her death was due to heart failure, although she had not been well for some time. It was on account of ill health that she had been sent to that State. Her age was thirty-six years. She was known in the world as Miss Betsy Bowling and was born and reared near Baltiown. She entered the novitiate fifteen years ago and the greater part of her religious life was spent at Montgomery, Ala. She was a universal favorite with all who knew her and many will mourn her death. She is survived by her father, Robert A. Bowling, and four brothers, Messrs. Russell, Thomas, Harry and Frank Russell, and three sisters, Messrs. Nick and Will Greenwell and Miss Annie Bowling.

GIVEN ANOTHER TERM.

Branch 45, Catholic Knights of America, at the regular meeting held in St. Mary's Hall, showed appreciation of the old officers by re-electing the entire board for another year and naming Charles A. Hill for State Delegate. Following are the officers, who will be re-installed next month: Spiritual Director, Rev. B. H. Westerman; President, William B. Norton; Vice President, Louis F. Steiner; Recording Secretary, J. H. Middendorf; Financial Secretary, Charles A. Hill; Treasurer, Henry Gottbrath; Trustee for three years, John B. Ratterman.

RELOVED BY ALL.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie Sweeney took place from the family residence, 2328 West Market street, last Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock and from St. Columba's church at 9 o'clock, where Father J. D. Kather, the pastor, paid tribute to the deceased, telling of her many charitable acts and her faithfulness to Mother Church, and also told of her splendid assistance in establishing her church in that section, she being one of the pioneer workers. She is survived by two daughters, Misses Mary and Agnes Sweeney.

NAMES MISS HINES.

Judge James W. Fortune, of the Clark Circuit Court, has announced the reappointment of Miss Margaret E. Hines, of Jeffersontown, as official court reporter for the ensuing six years. Miss Hines assumed the position under the late Judge Harry C. Montgomery following the latter's election in November, 1904. The reappointment is under the recent election of Judge Fortune. Several months ago Miss Hines was admitted to practice in the Clark Circuit Court.

LARGE CONFIRMATION CLASS.

What is thought to be the largest class in the history of the diocese was confirmed last week by Cardinal Gibbons at St. John's church, Baltimore. It was certainly the largest class ever confirmed by the Cardinal. There were 650 persons in the class—300 girls, 250 boys and 100 adult converts.

MT. STERLING.

Double pneumonia claimed Owen Laughlin at Mt. Sterling on Tuesday morning. He was a native of Ireland, eighty-two years old and had been engaged in business there for fifty years. He had served for twenty years as Trustee of the Public School Board.

HAPPY

Are the Homes on This Bounteous Continent at This Season.

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Thought of Manger Brings New Comfort, Strength and Life.

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Seek Out Those Waiting Kindly Hand and Encouraging Word.

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END WE SHOULD STRIVE FOR

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Oh! really I am longing for the "Merry Christmas" day; it brings me back in fancy to the land that's far away; it reminds me of childhood, when the mind from care was free, and many gifts I've taken from the laden Christmas tree.

Another return of the good old season. A time that warms the heart and calls forth the finest human sympathies as counter-actives to the cold winter blast. The dearth of employment and the depression in trade and business in general for the past months will doubtless be felt, especially among the working class at this season. Neither Yule block may blaze upon the hearth, nor mistletoe hang from roof or roof-tree, yet in the majority of homes on this bounteous continent there is happiness abounding at this season.

Happy, indeed, are those homes where the family circle is complete, but alas, how many are there where Death has been a visitor since last Old Christmas appeared. Even there, where the circle is broken, Faith stands beside the vacant chair beckoning on Hope to fill the void. The heart may sicken at the thought of those who are gone before us, but Faith and Hope with their united efforts lightened the burden of Memory and make the circle whole again. It was but a link that was missing, and these twain virtues finally heal the rupture, restoring contentment and pleasure in some degree to those who mourn the loss of a friend or relative. Many homes there are which have not been afflicted so as to part with even the smallest of those who go to form the family bond. Even with these, which of them can say that are another Christmas comes and goes the circle shall remain? Not one. No, not even one!

And such is life. The cradle and the grave alike so natural. The one opening into innocence and the latter too often closing over all that is corrupt and bad. And yet how few there are who have loved the advent of this season for all the goodness in its train, who need fear the darkness of the grave. Faith and Hope are ever by their side, and the coming gloom of dissolution is made brilliant by the thought that Christmas was always welcomed by them as it should be welcomed. Let us strive to this end. In the physical world Christmas is the approaching end of the year. In the spiritual life it is the birth of all that is good and holy and noble. Worldlings and materialists may sneer at the thought or mention of the crib of Bethlehem, but there are others, besides worldlings and materialists inhabiting this earth, and to them the thought of the manger brings new comfort, new life, strength and happiness.

Since the first rays of Christianity dawned upon a pagan world no happier conception of a thought tending toward the alleviation of poor suffering humanity than that connected with the poverty of the birth of the infant Man-God has occurred, or even can occur. Naturally then our thoughts at this season revert to the poor. Poverty is too often the inheritance of a vast proportion of mankind. Even in the most favored countries poverty may be found—poverty sharp and painful in the extreme. Such a state is always calculated to awaken the best sympathies of our hearts, but when we see it in the cold, dark days of winter it is sure to be intensified.

So we think of the humble manger then, of its poverty and winter cold. Let those of us who are blessed in even the smallest degree above the actual point of want seek out those who are waiting for the kindly hand and the encouraging word to help them and cheer them on their weary path. Those of us who are blessed with comfort and affluence should see to it that we neglect not our imperative duty in this respect. It is incumbent on all such to bring light and warmth to the cheerless abodes of the poor.

There is many a bitter trial and temptation in store for us all during the ensuing year. Every act of beneficence and kindly, thoughtful word to the poor of the present Christmas will prove a blessing and a strength to enable us to bear the trials and temptations stored for us in the unborn future of 1915. Many are the ways in which the benevolent heart may succor the afflicted. Each one's disposition will discover that way for him or her, and the reflection that our Christmas was not devoid of some small share of merit will enhance the happiness of our homely festivities, and give a happy zest to all our Christmas joys.

Following up a good old custom, charity.

COMING EVENTS.

December 28—Euchre and lotto in St. Patrick's school hall, Thirteenth and Market.

Euchre and Lotto—St. Ann's church, Tuesday afternoon and evening, December 29, in school hall.

December 28-30—Minstrel show at St. Charles Hall, Twenty-seventh and Chestnut.

Tuesday, December 29—Euchre for Belgium sufferers at St. William's school hall.

January 5—Concert for benefit of St. Columba's church, in school hall, Thirty-fifth and Jefferson.

January 6-7—Euchre and lotto for St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital, to be held in hospital building.

Tuesday, January 12—Euchre and lotto by Cathedral Altar Society in new Cathedral hall.

January 24—Catholic Choral Union concert at Macauley's Theater for benefit of St. Lawrence Institute for Homeless Boys.

January 27-28—Ladies' Sewing Society annual charity euchre and lotto at Phoenix Hill for St. Anthony's Hospital.

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GRAND KNIGHTS' REUNION.

The meeting next Wednesday evening of the Knights of Columbus will be devoted to a reunion of the Past Grand Knights of the council, who are M. J. Winn, Charles J. O'Connor, P. M. O'Reilly, Charles F. Taylor, Albert S. Smith, Matt O'Doherty, Thomas A. Bohan, S. M. Raffo, J. E. McDermott, J. W. Klapheke, P. H. Callahan and C. W. Decker, all of whom will be called upon for short talks and their views on the past, present and future history of the Knights of Columbus. On Thursday evening there will be a reception and dance for members and their wives, daughters or lady friends, and on Friday there will be open house from 1 to 12 p.m.

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UNCHANGED.

The St. Vincent-St. Thomas Orphan Society last Sunday elected central officers for the year 1915 as follows:

President—William T. Meehan. Vice President—H. A. Veeneman. Recording Secretary—Harry T. Colgan. Financial Secretary—S. R. Hardman. Corresponding Secretary—Joseph A. Hoerter. Treasurer—Joseph P. McGinn.

There were no changes, the members re-electing the organizers of the society as a mark of approval of the excellent work they have done for the orphans. Only one year old, there are now twelve branches in the city and the membership rapidly increasing. The installation of the officers will take place at a general meeting to be held next month.

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ASKS PRIESTS' HELP.

In the hope of alleviating the discomforts of prisoners of war and the anxiety of their relatives at home, Pope Benedict has instructed all Bishops in dioceses wherein are military prisoners to appoint one or more priests who are acquainted with the languages spoken by the imprisoned soldiers. These priests will be instructed not only to offer spiritual counsel but so far as possible to look after the material welfare of the prisoners. Particular efforts will be made to discover whether the prisoners have communicated with their families and if they have not done so to persuade them to send word home immediately. In cases where prisoners are unable to write letters the priests will perform this service for them. They also will use every effort to see that such letters are sent home safely.

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ANNUAL ELECTION.

Branch 25, C. K. of A., held a well attended and harmonious meeting Monday night in St. John's Hall, Clay and Walnut. A number of visitors were present, and from the remarks of the speakers there will soon be a marked increase of the membership of St. John's branch. The annual election was held with the following result: Spiritual Director, Rev. G. W. Schuhmann; Commander, William T. Meehan; First Vice Commander, G. W. K. Mattingly; Second Vice Commander, S. R. Hardman; Recording Secretary, M. F. Hill; Financial Secretary, E. J. Mann; Treasurer, E. A. McCarthy; Trustee, Benedict Thomas; Sentinel, Joseph A. Ruhl. Eugene McCarthy was named for State Delegate.

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FISH CALENDAR.

For the benefit of subscribers and patrons of the Kentucky Irish American calendars will be distributed at this office next week, which will have attached a calendar pad which shows all the feast and fast days of the year, in addition to the holy days of obligation. There has been a great and increasing demand for this convenient calendar ever year, and they will be distributed free to our patrons.

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ST. MICHAEL'S ALMANAC.

The Society of the Divine Word, which does much for the promotion of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through its mission press, has issued St. Michael's Almanac of 190 pages for the coming year. It is a very fine publication which should be in every Catholic family. The mission press profits go to a missionary fund and those who buy the almanac, which is sold for twenty-five cents, will be aiding a worthy cause.

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PAULISTS

Personal Reminiscences of Rev. Father Hecker and His Early Associates.

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Fathers Walworth and Hewitt Were Descendants of Old American Stock.

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Labor When Catholicity Was Not in Favor in the Empire State.

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BIRTH OF FIRST CONGREGATION

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By James A. Rooney, LL. D.

The writer's earliest recollection of the Rev. Isaac Thomas Hecker, C. S. P., one of the founders and the first Superior of the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle, whose death, on December 22, 1888, was well remembered in New York, was as a ten-year-old altar boy serving his first mass every morning for a week during a mission he gave in 1852 to the Catholics of St. Mary's, then the only church in the village of Schenectady, N. Y., of which the Rev. John McGeough was the pastor. He was then in the prime of his splendid manhood at thirty-three. Assisting him part of the time in the confessional and in preaching some of the wonderful three daily sermons that attracted and held spellbound the throngs of the village people, others from Scotia and settlements along the Mohawk all the way from Amsterdam to Cohoes, as well as numbers of the Irish Catholic laborers still working along the line of the Erie canal, were Father Augustus Francis Hewitt and Father Clarence A. Walworth, all converts and all fresh in the mission field of the diocese of Albany, coming at the invitation of Bishop John McCloskey, later our first Cardinal. It was a time when Catholicity was not in favor in those parts, when all adherents of the faith were classified as "Irish," when the spirit of Know-nothingism was yet alive and in the atmosphere though dying with great reluctance; when a Catholic boy who wore a "Patrick Cross" on March 17 knew that he might have to defend it and was ready. With all this the non-Catholics could not keep

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BE THANKFUL FOR PEACE.

At the dawn of the new year, when we are celebrating the coming of Him who proclaimed "Peace on earth, good will to men," the people of the United States, and of Louisville and Kentucky especially, should give thanks to Almighty God from the bottom of their hearts that we have peace, not only in the nation but likewise in our State and city.

Our Holy Father the Pope, our President, our pastors and all good men have urged us to pray for peace, to pray constantly that men's hearts may be changed so that the wars now going on may come to an end. Prayers are offered up every day in the masses that peace may obtain and that war cease, and it is our duty to continue those supplications. That war has not invaded our beloved country we should give thanks for. Happily, we have a Chief Magistrate who is a lover of peace, and Almighty God may yet show him a way to bring about peace among the warring nations.

Some of the great editors, among them Henry Watterson, have observed that one may well question whether Christianity is not a failure, when one considers that the great nations now at war profess the Christian religion.

Christianity is not a failure. Suppose we give Christianity a trial, is suggested by one statesman, and that statesman is right. We have not given Christianity a chance. We profess to follow the teachings of Christ, but do we do so? Let each one answer from the bottom of his heart. Certainly the nations now at war are not practicing the teachings of Christ, who proclaimed "Peace on earth and good will to men." If they were practicing good will toward men they would not be at each other's throats.

Let us all thank God Almighty that we are living in peace with all nations. Let us have good will toward our neighbors and peace will naturally follow in the city, in the State and in the nation.

OPEN THEIR EYES.

Those good-natured, optimistic persons who are firmly persuaded and fond of declaring that this country has outgrown religious intolerance had their eyes opened by the elections. So general were the manifestations of bigotry during the campaign, and so unscrupulous the methods employed by political conspirators to defeat Catholic candidates, that even the President himself felt called upon to declare publicly that "an American citizen should never vote as a sectarian, but as a citizen." Other repudiations of the infamous movement were more emphatic than this—decidedly so. But there is no accounting for temperaments any more than for tastes. President Wilson must be exceptionally academic, and his mild depreciation of the interjection of religion into politics is perhaps a product of his accustomed style of comment. As a rule, men show more or less warmth when expressing indignation. This is the modest view taken by the Ave Maria, with which nearly everybody will now agree.

BRYAN'S LECTURE.

William Jennings Bryan, our sometimes Secretary of State, should add to his Chautauqua series of lectures one entitled "Why Catholics Were Murdered in Mexico."

The Democrat who does not now know whether he wants a platform convention before or after the primary will never know. Give the people a good platform and they will select the candidates best fitted for it. This will obviate dodging and treachery to party principles.

The Christmas editions of our contemporaries were all excellent, surpassing all issued during former years. They attest the high standing the Catholic press has attained and show the publishers' appreciation.

Wishing our patrons and readers a happy and prosperous new year, the Kentucky Irish American returns sincere thanks to all for their generous support during the year now ending.

A vice commission looks like a good excuse for some to go slumming.

Next Friday, New Year's day, will be a holy day of obligation.

STATE POLITICS.



M. M. LOGAN.

Democratic Candidate for Attorney General.

The announcement that M. M. Logan, the present Assistant Attorney General, will be a candidate for Attorney General has met with favorable comments from the Democratic voters and leaders in every part of the State, who know that if given the nomination he will lend strength to the ticket in the general election in November, 1915, as his candidacy will be sure to attract many voters, especially that class of independent voters who believe in supporting the man of ability for the office. This class is sure to be attracted to Mr. Logan's candidacy because of his success and faithful performance of duty in his present position, his record having established him as one of the strong men of the Democratic party in Kentucky, and in the event of his success the people as a whole can rest confident that they will have an Attorney General ever capable in their behalf and ready to guard their interests at every turn.

Mr. Logan is a native of Kentucky and received his education in this State, having the reputation at school of being an industrious and faithful student, who received many honors and favorable mention, the consequences being that at early age he was admitted to practice law and has been uniformly successful in his legal work, being zealous in the interests of his clients and fearless in the discharge of any duties assigned him. His work the past three years as assistant to Attorney General Garnett has justly fitted him for the office to which he aspires, and in the opinion of many this is only fairness and justice, as a promotion or reward is always due for a meritorious record, whether in public or commercial life. Attorneys at the bar

and attaches of courts throughout the State generally concede that he is the logical successor of Mr. Garnett.

The subject of this sketch hails from Edmonson county, one of our Democratic strongholds, and the estimation in which he is held there by his fellow citizens belies the old adage "that a prophet is without honor in his own country," as the people of that section are strong in the support of his claims for the office, and if given the nomination Edmonson and the outlying district will give the Democratic party an old-time banner majority in November. Mr. Logan's home county is in the Second district, which is always found in the Democratic column on election day, and the selection of a native son for the nomination for Attorney General is sure to be reciprocated, and that in a way that will redound to the general success of the party.

Many of the Democratic leaders in the different districts throughout the State have already declared themselves in behalf of Mr. Logan's candidacy, as they know that his services to the party in the past are deserving of reward, his time and money being always used in aiding the efforts of the Campaign Committee and his speeches in behalf of the ticket have resulted in much good. Mr. Logan's Democracy is of the tried and true variety and the Democratic voters of the Commonwealth will make no mistake in espousing his cause and giving him their support in the August primary next year. As heretofore stated, if given the nomination M. M. Logan, Democratic candidate for Attorney General, will be one of the strongest assets of the party in November.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Malone, in the Highlands.

ROBT. L. GREENE.

Misses Kathleen and Jean Bullett, Hazel O'Bannon and Mildred Gwartney, pupils at the Sacred Heart Academy, have gone to their homes at Corydon, Ind., to spend the holiday season with their parents.

Robt. L. Greene, Clerk of the Court of Appeals, has announced his candidacy for the office of Auditor of Public Accounts, subject

to the action of the Democratic primary to be held next August, and all sections of the Commonwealth people are rallying to his support. While Mr. Greene has long been prominent in public life, he has never held but one elective office, the one he is now filling and from which he will retire with record unsurpassed by any of his predecessors. Born in Gallatin county and reared in Bracken, he has been an earnest worker and his experience gives him exceptional fitness for the office to which he aspires and should succeed. As Clerk of the Court of Appeals Mr. Greene has been kind and affable to all and at the same time always attentive to his duties, not having missed a day from his office when court was in session and even in vacation when his services were needed. The office of Auditor is one of the most important in the State government, he being its head fiscal agent, and by virtue of his office a member of the State Board of Valuation and Assessment, also of the Sinking Fund Commission. It is needless to go into the importance of the position either as Auditor in his official character or as a member of these boards, but it is well to remember Mr. Greene can be trusted to look after the people's interests and that if nominated his name will add great strength to the ticket the Democrats will present next year.

Unwilling to neglect any part of his duties to make a personal canvass for the office, Mr. Greene will rely largely upon his friends over the State, who can be trusted to look after his interests and give him a well deserved recognition.

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR.

Gov. McCreary on Tuesday appointed the Very Rev. P. M. J. Rock, rector of the Cathedral, a delegate to represent Kentucky at the meeting of the National Mercy Conference. Other clergymen thus honored are the Rev. E. L. Powell, Rev. J. S. Lyon, Rev. Charles Ewell Craig and Rev. William Thalheimer.

ST. ANN'S EUCHRE.

A euchre and lotto, under the auspices of the congregation of St. Ann's church, will be given in the school hall, Seventh and Davies avenue, next Tuesday afternoon and evening, and many handsome prizes have been secured for the occasion.

The afternoon affair will begin at 2:30 o'clock and in the evening at 8. Sixth street cars run past the hall.

MARRIAGE A SURPRISE.

News of the marriage last Saturday day of Clarence Sears, an electrician, and Miss Elizabeth Dannenhold, daughter of G. M. Dannenhold, came as a surprise to friends and relatives of the bride and groom. While all were occupied with their holiday affairs the couple quietly crossed to Jeffersonville and proceeded to St. Augustine's church, where the Rev. Michael Halpin performed the marriage ceremony.

MOVING PICTURES.

An excellent moving picture entertainment, portraying scenes in the life of Christ, will be given at St. William's Hall, Thirteenth and Oak, next Wednesday and Thursday nights, the proceeds to be devoted to the Belgian relief fund. Many handsome awards will be made, including a cash prize and a turkey as a consolation prize. An enjoyable time is promised all who attend.

ST. MARTIN'S.

Branch 6, Catholic Knights of America, the largest and one of the first organized in Kentucky, is arranging for some big "doings" at its first meeting in January, when the following officers will be installed: Spiritual Director, Rev. N. C. Ogle; President, Joseph Steinmetz; First Vice President, John Lembach; Second Vice President, John Soeder, Jr.; Recording Secretary, B. A. Mueller; Financial Secretary, O. Maier; Treasurer, P. J. Hofmann; Trustee, J. N. Herp; State Delegate, Charles Falk; Alternate, John Soeder, Jr.

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HELP RELIEF FUND.

Under the direction of Mrs. John S. Berry a euchre, lotto and dance party will be given at O'Connell Hall, Thirteenth and Oak, next Tuesday afternoon and night, the proceeds to be given to the Belgian relief fund. Many handsome awards will be made, including a cash prize and a turkey as a consolation prize. An enjoyable time is promised all who attend.

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A STUDY

Into the Matter of the Supply of Natural Gas and Electricity for the City of Louisville Discloses Many Interesting Facts.

During the nine months prior to March, 1914, nearly 200 miles of twelve-inch pipe were laid and tested by the Kentucky Pipe Line Company. In the meanwhile the Louisville Gas and Electric Company built about fifteen miles of medium pressure line from sixteen to ten inches. This starts at a reducing station on the outskirts and forms a belt line about the city, serving eight new regulating stations. Through these regulators gas is fed into the low pressure distributing lines and holders. The company was fortunate in contracting for its gas supply in West Virginia, as this State is the largest producer in the Union and the supply is enormous.

Upon the introduction of natural gas into the city, about the middle of last March, the manufacture of gas was discontinued. The gas makers, however, are kept upon the company's pay roll, being retained as helpers in the various branches of the gas distribution department.

With everything prearranged, as it is, in case of trouble with the city's supply of natural gas, the manufacture of water gas would begin within one hour. By utilizing all of the holders of the old companies about one winter's day supply is stored in the city.

Growth in the electric department of the Louisville Gas and Electric Company is noteworthy. Electricity is still manufactured from coal, but great changes have been made since July 2, 1913. The four old electric companies had been operating seven generating stations and two substations. Most of these were antiquated and inefficient. A careful investigation showed that by making certain additions to one of the plants all of the others might be shut down, thereby effecting a great saving in the manufacturing cost.

The station selected for development was well located on the Ohio river where condensing water was abundant, and where two railroads as well as the river provided an unfailing coal supply. This plant had been designed along modern high-capacity, high-efficiency lines and was laid out and sufficient real estate provided for four or five times the load the consolidated company had connected at the time. With all haste compatible with thorough study of conditions and plans, additions to the company's waterside station were begun.

The city had been paying for arc lighting at the rate of \$67 per lamp per year. After the merger \$56 per year was charged for lamps in the overhead district and \$60 per lamp in the underground district.

From street lighting alone there has been saved to the city since the merger approximately \$45,000.

It has been through the use of natural gas, however, that the greatest benefit has accrued to the citizens, and strange to relate, it was the promise of natural gas which seemed to excite most of their suspicion. Prior to the merger the rates for gas were \$1 per thousand cubic feet for lighting and sixty-five cents for fuel. The company contracted to bring natural gas from West Virginia by July 1, 1914, and sell it for thirty-five cents.

The company at once equalized all rates for heating gas at sixty-five cents and on March 1, 1914, started billing all gas at the new thirty-five cents rate. Natural gas was first admitted to the mains on March 15, 1914. It took some weeks to get burners adjusted and the people accustomed to the new gas with its much greater heat value. Complaints were numerous enough at first, but they gradually disappeared.

Recently under the encouragement of the management fortnightly meetings of the employees have been held. These meetings are open to all permanent employees of the company. Papers, reports and discussions have been largely along practical and educational lines. Aside from their apparent functions, these gatherings are developing a sense of community of interest between all the employees, between the employees and the company and between employees and the public the company serves.

HIBERNIAN REVIVAL.

Rev. T. J. McCaffrey, State Chaplain of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and James McBreer, State President, have addressed a letter to the different divisions in the State, urging steps for a big revival in Hibernianism in 1915, and say that the time is ripe for such a move. Father McCaffrey especially urges harmony and unity in the divisions and predicts with a united front the order will soon come into its own in Kentucky. Both send Christmas greetings to all of the members.

FLOURISHING.

The annual reports of the officers show the St. Charles the Great Benevolent Society, which will celebrate its golden jubilee two years hence, in a flourishing condition. Its membership now numbers 260 and is growing steadily. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month. The installation of officers will take place at the January meeting, when there will be a reunion and general good time. Peter J. Hofmann is the President and J. H. Blumers the Secretary.

KEPT SECRET WELL.

Friends and relatives of Edward Sinkhorn and Miss Pauline Dietz were given an unexpected surprise last week when it became known that they had eloped to Jeffersonville last August and were married. The couple kept their secret until they decided to have a Catholic marriage ceremony, which will take place January 12 at Holy Trinity church.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS.

Dan Driscoll, who has been pursuing his studies for the priesthood at St. Louis, is home for the holidays on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Driscoll, of Hamilton avenue.

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HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing
the Past Week—General
News Notes.

Division 4 will meet next Monday
evening.

Division 2 of Syracuse admitted
twelve new members this month.

Division 1 will have a large gathering
at its installation of officers.

Capt. Tom Farrell, of Division 1,
is busy training his basketball team.

A number of new faces will appear
at the next County Board meeting.

Joe Lynch, the President-elect of
Division 2, is already busy canvassing
for new members.

The Butte, Mont., Ladies' Auxiliary
celebrated their twentieth anniversary
with an elaborate banquet.

The Ladies' Auxiliary division of
Charleston, S. C., has a larger membership
than the two divisions of men.

Division 4 will soon have a big
division. President Hennessy and his
men intend making this their
record year.

Following the installations next
month the County Board will begin
preparation for the observance of
St. Patrick's day.

The Ancient Order will next year
observe the thirty-fifth anniversary of
its organization in Wisconsin. Bay
View had the first division.

His past experience in fraternal
organizations will make Mark Ryan,
the new President of Division 1, a
valuable man to his division.

President Tom Quinn, of the Hibernian
Social Club, is mapping out a
social programme for his organization
after the first of the year.

County President Connelly, assisted
by Vice President Maloney, will
install the new division officers at
their first meeting next month.

Everything looks bright for
County Board work the coming year,
as the delegates-elect are all
hustling and enthusiastic workers.

The annual initiation of the eight
Indianapolis divisions last Sunday
was a great success, as was also the
banquet that followed at the Oneida
Hotel.

Minneapolis Hibernians will have
a general installation on January 3,
and have arranged a fine programme
for the State and county officers,
who have been invited.

Division 1 of Dubuque has in-
augurated an active membership
campaign. At the last meeting seven
candidates were initiated and several
applications received.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Columbus,
Ohio, will celebrate the anniversary
of St. Brigid on February 1
with a concert and vaudeville show
in the Chamber of Commerce.

John J. Kilkenny, of Division 3,
has not been regular in his attendance
at the meetings lately, being
busy entertaining the young Hibernians
who arrived at his home recently.

The Hibernian Social Club invites
all members to be with them on
January 5, when they will entertain
with a euchre and lotto party at the
Hibernian Home, Eighteenth and
Portland avenue.

Division 72 of Boston will cele-
brate its fifteenth anniversary with
a public installation on January 3.
Gov. Walsh, Mayor Curley, ex-Mayor
Fitzgerald, National and State officers
and several of the clergy have
been invited to be present.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN.

St. Edward's Commandery,
Knights of St. John, of New Albany,
has elected the following officers:
The Rev. Charles Curran, Spiritual
Advisor; the Rev. Albert Wickie,
Chaplain; Charles Trouy, President;
John Zellers, First Vice President;
Frank Earl, Second Vice President;
Joseph Morthorst, Secretary; William
Miller, Treasurer; Frank Haller,
George Zimmerman, Frank Albrecht,
George Hess and John
Mowers, Trustees, and Ben Husson,
Sentry. Uniform Rank officers
elected are: Frank Ritz, Captain;
Ben Husson, First Lieutenant, and
F. Huth, Second Lieutenant.

FORTY HOURS.

For tomorrow the Forty Hours' Adoration
has been announced for St. Michael's church, Brook street,
beginning with the high mass and
continuing until Tuesday. These
beautiful devotions will be directed
by the Rev. Father Martin O'Connor,
who will be assisted by members of
the local clergy.

JANUARY WEDDING.

Mrs. Mary Christ, of Deer Park,
announces the engagement of her
daughter, Miss May Christ, to John
Hanafin, of New Albany. The wed-
ding will take place Thursday, Jan-
uary 7, at 9:30 o'clock, with a
nuptial high mass at St. Brigid's
church. Rev. Father Jansen, the
pastor, will perform the ceremony.

CLOSELY BUNCHED.

Much interest is being shown in
the basketball games of the six teams
in the Mackin Council League. Each
team has played four games and all
have won, but the Old Rosedubs lead
in the race, closely followed by the
Teutons and Emeralds. Games are
played on Friday nights and friends
of the council are invited to witness
the contests.

HOBAN GETS PLACE.

John J. Hayes, of Buffalo, Su-
preme President of the Catholic
Mutual Benefit Association of the
United States and Canada, has ap-
pointed Thomas P. Hoban, of Scranton,
as Supreme Recorder of the order
to fill the unexpired term caused
by the death of Joseph Cameron,
of Hornell, N. Y.

BISHOP O'CONNOR.

The thirty-seventh anniversary of
the Right Rev. John J. O'Connor,
Bishop of Newark, N. J., was cele-
brated last Tuesday. Bishop O'Con-
nor was born in Newark and was
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